## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

## CASE NO. 24-80101-CR-MIDDLEBROOKS

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Plaintiff,
vs.
DANIEL CRUZ,
Defendant.

## UNOPPOSED MOTION TO CONTINUE SENTENCING HEARING

Defendant, Daniel Cruz, through undersigned counsel, requests the Court to continue the sentencing in the above-styled cause. As grounds therefore, Defendant states:

- 1. On September 25, 2024, this Court presided over a Change of Plea hearing and scheduled sentencing for December 12, 2024 (DE 19, 25).
- 2. At the time of the Change of Plea hearing, Defense Counsel was not aware of when a vital Federal Defender Services Training Orientation Seminar for New FDO Attorneys<sup>1</sup> would be scheduled.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> It is imperative for this Defense Counsel to attend this training. Counsel can separately specify the details of the training and the indispensable need to attend if necessary.

- 3. After the Change of Plea Hearing, the Federal Defender Services Office Training Division just announced that this training is scheduled for December 9-13, 2024 in San Antonio, Texas.
- 4. Undersigned counsel has contacted Assistant United States Attorney Daniel Funk, who has no objection to said continuance.
- 5. Both parties are requesting the sentencing to be rescheduled for the next week (the week of December 16, 2024) if the Court is available.

WHEREFORE, Defendant respectfully requests the Court to grant the abovestyled Unopposed Motion to Re-schedule the Sentencing Hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE** 

I HEREBY certify that on October 7, 2024, I electronically filed the foregoing

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